

Medical Direction Committee Minutes
Comfort Suites at Innsbrook
October 18, 2007
10:30 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Dave Garth, M.D.	Norman Rexrode, M.D.	Michael Berg	Lisa Atkins
Asher Brand, M.D.	Cheryl Haas, M.D.	Tom Nevetral	Jeff Meyer
George Lindbeck, M.D.	Kenneth Palys, M.D.	Scott Winston	Holly Sturdevant
Bethany Cummings, D.O.	Barry Knapp, M.D.	Greg Neiman	Deborah Akers
Cheryl Lawson, M.D.	David Lander, M.D.	Chad Blosser	David Cullen
Theresa Guins, M.D.	John Potter, M.D.	Warren Short	Heidi Hooker
James Dudley, M.D.	Drew Garvie, M.D.	David Edwards	Christina Blotther
Stewart Martin, M.D.	Janet Henderson, M.D.		Shaun Carpenter
Charles Lane, M.D.	Sabina Braithwaite, M.D. (excused)		M.K. Allen
Mark Franke, MD.	Ace Ernst, M.D.		
Peter Bruzzo, M.D.	Mark Franke, MD.		
William Hauda, M.D.	Dave Garth, M.D.		
Scott Weir, M.D.	Allen Yee, M.D. (excused)		

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1. WELCOME	James Dudley, M.D. called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.	
2. INTRODUCTIONS	All of the attendees were asked to please introduce themselves.	
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes from the July 12, 2007 meeting were approved with the following change: Item 4c. DELETE “Adult” and (Adult E.T.)” in motion.	Motion to accept the minutes as corrected... Motion Passed
4. NEW BUSINESS		
a. Stat Med Box	<p>Allen Yee, State Operational Medical Director reported via phone that he would be unable to attend the meeting however the Stat Drug Box project that he was working on was completed but he had nothing more to report at this time.</p> <p>Jeff Meyer, PEMS Assistant Director reported that out of 500 uses there were only 18 times that the EMS provider had to go into the main drug box.</p> <p>Western EMS uses a stat drug box that is utilized 76% of the time and cuts down on “down time” for</p>	

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	drug box re-stocking.	
b. Professional Development Committee Representative	Charles Lane, M.D. will be the new Professional Development Committee (PDC) representative from the Medical Direction Committee (MDC). James Dudley, M.D. will serve as the alternate MDC representative for PDC should Charles Lane, M.D. be unable to attend.	
c. Supraglottic Airway Use for Children	Asher Brand, M.D. inquired if supraglottic airways could be utilized for children. He will bring literature to the next MDC meeting for consideration.	
5. OLD BUSINESS		
a. AHA/VDH Stroke Systems Plan Update	The Office of EMS through a partnership with the AHA/ASA and Hanover Fire mailed out Stroke Management DVDs to all EMT Instructors and ALS-Coordination for use in presenting continuing education to all EMS providers. Copies were also mailed to all MDC members. The Office of EMS is currently working to place the stroke management curriculum on TRAIN Virginia.	
b. National Scope of Practice Certification Levels Impact on Virginia EMS System	George Lindbeck, M.D. suggested that a subcommittee meeting be held after the EMS Symposium to have further discussions on this issue. Preliminary survey results will be available for the subcommittee to review at their next work session.	
c. Model State Law for Disaster Volunteers	This document was submitted to all of the MDC members to review and for future reference.	
d. Medication and Procedures Schedule Update	No further discussion.	
e. State Medical Director Position Update	<p>Scott Winston announced that the State EMS Medical Director position is progressing and the Office has requested that the position be a P/T wage position within the Office of EMS salary to be \$43.91 - \$90.11 per hour. Permission to establish the OMD position has been approved and the Office is awaiting approval to recruit and interview for the position.</p> <p>OMD Workshop will be held at the EMS Symposium on November 7th.</p> <p>Suitable leased office space for the Division of Educational Development (DED) and the Emergency Operations staff has been secured at Virginia Center Technology One located at 1001 Technology Drive in Glen Allen. The office space OEMS will be occupying is adjacent to the central headquarters for the Department of Fire Programs. Approximately eighteen (18) employees will be relocated to this location during January 2008. The OEMS Business Manager has formed a Transition Team to address the many logistical considerations related to the move. Office space adjacent to the Department of Fire Programs in Glen Allen and one in another location are being considered.</p>	
6. ALS Training Funds & Accreditation Update	Chad Blosser reported that the Office purchased for each accredited site Sim Baby's and Virtual IV Trainer Arms to enhance ALS training in the Commonwealth.	

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	<p>DED staff also met with concerned agencies and providers in the Northern Neck (PEMS) region to discuss access to training and to explain the Advanced Life Support Training Funds (ALSTF) process.</p> <p>Hampton Fire Department is scheduled for an accreditation site visit in December and James City County Fire / EMS has expressed interest in becoming an accredited Intermediate site. In addition 92 – 93% of the Commonwealth is covered by an accredited Intermediate/Paramedic training site.</p>	
7. ALS Program Issues	No report.	
8. BLS Program Issues	Greg Neiman reported that fifteen new EMT Instructors were just recently certified and an EMS Instructor Update will be held in Northern Virginia on October 20 th . There are five EMS Instructor Updates scheduled for 2008 in the hope of getting them placed on the web also.	
9. 2008 Proposed Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o January 17, 2008 o April 10, 2008 o July 10, 2008 o October 16, 2008 	
10. Public Comment		
11. For the Good of the Order	<p>Stewart Martin, MD advised the committee of an issue that was occurring in the Tidewater region involving free standing emergency departments staffed by an attending Board Certified Emergency Physician The issue in question involves a new free standing emergency department that wants to do the same with out having an attending Board Certified Emergency Physician on duty. The TEMS Medical Direction Committee has requested that Gary Brown from the Office of EMS request an Office of the Attorney General ruling on the issue.</p> <p>Michael Berg, Regulation & Compliance Manager advised that the new regulations could be drafted with new language to define “authority” to resolve the above described issue. A suggestion by Michael Berg to have the Chair to establish a committee from the Medical Direction Committee to draft the language. Drs. Lawson and Martin to review the above issue and report back to the Medical Direction Committee.</p> <p>The Commonwealth Midwives Alliance will attend the Medical Direction Committee at the January 2008 meeting to address previous concerns that have been brought to the Office of EMS attention in the field setting. Please review the two legislation links below before the next meeting:</p> <p>SB 1259 http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?051+sum+SB1259 HB 2038 http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?051+sum+HB2038</p>	<p>Motion by Stewart Martin, MD that the State Medical Direction Committee affirms the authority of the Operational Medical Director (OMD) to develop, promulgate and implement patient destination criteria for his or her agency. Motion seconded by Cheryl Lawson, MD... motion passed.</p>

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ADJOURNMENT	NEXT MEETING January 17, 2008 10:30 A.M. Location To Be Announced	